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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SEISHO YASUKAWA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MOUTAOUAKIL, M.
SERIAL NO: 10/522,713 :
FILED: JANUARY 28, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2619
FOR: METHOD OF SETTING :
MULTICAST TRANSFER ROUTE AND
METHOD OF MULTICAST LABEL
SWITCHING FOR REALIZING THE
SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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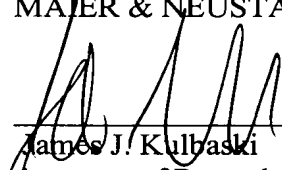
SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of August 22, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group I, Claims 1-21, drawn to traffic routing through a network with respect to the least cost and minimum delay. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the examination on the merits of claims 1-21 is in order, and an early and favorable decision is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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